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DR. SHIRLEY McCUNE AND DR. SARITA SCHOTTA will be the keynote speakers in the upcoming Florida NOW State Conference, September 12-14, Jensen Beach. Sarita Schotta is a Senior Associate of the National Institute of Education and Coordinator of it's Federal Women's Programs. She will speak Saturday evening on 'Federal Initiative and Womens Issues.' Shirley McCune will speak on Implementation of Title IX. Dr. McCune is Program Coordinator, Resource Center on Sex Roles in Education, National Foundation for the Improvement of Education, N.E.A. (Thanks Tampa NOW!)

HAVE YOU SENT IN YOUR CONFERENCE REGISTRATION? Don't forget the deadline for bargain rates is August 31. On your way to the Conference, watch for signs to guide you from the TP exits to the FIT campus. On arrival at the campus turn west, up the hill, and park behind the cafeteria and dorm. Friday night activities will be in the cafeteria - registration, workshops, hospitality. The Saturday morning plenary session will begin promptly at 9 A.M. in the auditorium on the east side of the road. Registration until noon in the cafeteria.

THE CONFERENCE SCHEDULE HAS BEEN CHANGED SOMEWHAT because Sept. 14 is the eve of Yom Kippur and some people will be wanting to get home for evening services. Therefore the Conference will end at 12:30 Sunday; workshops on Sunday will be from 8:30-10 and 11-12:30 with an intervening plenary session. The new Council will meet concurrently with the second workshop. There will still be a pick-up lunch available at 12:30 and those who wish can hang around for the afternoon. There is possible swimming and tennis, maybe a softball or volleyball game.....

HAVE YOU SOLD LOTS OF ADS? Your chapter has materials for selling ads for a Conference ad book. Just to encourage you, we report that Chicago NOW made \$8,800 on their August 26 ad book! Alyce McAdam's instructions on selling ads were just great - we thank her for taking on this task that no chapter felt ready to do. Additional ideas - hit those politicians! and motels or others who might cater to traveling NOW people. Val reports that all the bars in Jensen Beach are anxiously soliciting our business.....

SPEAKING OF SPEND MONEY, be sure to bring a little extra (maybe some chapter money too) to spend at the Conference sales tables. Items will range in price from 2¢ - ? : jewelry, T-shirts, books, newspaper, stickers - just to give you an idea. Check out your gift budget. This is your one chance to support chapter efforts all over the state.  
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FLORIDA NOW RECENTLY WROTE GOVERNOR ABRAHAM that we were very disappointed that he had not appointed any women to high-level State positions. Of course we fully expect him to act NOW..... All the more reason you should participate in the Governor's Commission on the Status of Women's talent bank for salaries and appointive positions. Write the Commission at The Capitol, Tallahassee FL 32304.



ON THE FLORIDA CAMPAIGN TRAIL.....Presidential hopeful Birch Bayh met with half a dozen women leaders in Miami recently to hear how they felt about national issues and his pending candidacy. We found his quiet listening attitude most refreshing..... Another (NOW) presidential hopeful, Mary Jean Collins-Robson, has herself a Greyhound Ameripass and is touring NOW chapters all over the country to listen to what they have to say about National NOW. In a whirlwind tour through Florida she stopped in Pensacola, Tallahassee, Tampa and Fort Myers.

NEWS OF DEBRA SUE LACY: (article by Dara Klassel) From June 2 to June 5, 17-year-old Debra Sue Lacy stood trial in the Sarasota County Courthouse for first degree murder. She was charged with shooting her stepfather Emmett Armstrong. The defense showed, through the testimony of expert witnesses and people who knew her, that Debra was the victim of brutal rapes and beatings by her stepfather from the age of 11 when her mother died of cancer. Her sisters and brothers, stepsisters and brothers testified of their own brutalization at the hands of Armstrong. Psychiatrists testified that years of living in a pathological environment had created a state of mind in Debra which her ~~XXX~~ only way out of an intolerable situation was an act of violence.

On June 5, 1975, a 7-woman, 5-man jury brought in a verdict of not guilty by reason of insanity. The insanity plea would never have been entered if Sarasota NOW and the Rape Crisis Center of Sarasota had not pledged financial support to help pay the fees of the nationally renowned psychiatrists who testified. Every member of Florida NOW was sent a letter requesting funds. So far we have raised over \$4,000. But more is needed; our goal is \$6,000. If we raise more, the excess will be used to help pay for one of the several rehabilitative and therapeutic programs being planned for Debra.

Give a young woman a chance for a new life! Send to: Debra Sue Lacy Defense Fund, c/o Rape Prevention and Crisis Center of Sarasota, P.O. Box 74, Sarasota FL 33578. Chapters - Please include appeal for funds in your next newsletter. D.K.

ANOTHER DEFENSE FUND: Dr. Kenneth Edelin's conviction for manslaughter of a fetus during a legal abortion was a tremendous shock to his friends and supporters. So were the bills which may top \$100,000. Involved are attorney's fees, pre-trial polls of prospective juror attitudes, depositions, daily trial transcripts, preparation and mounting of extensive technical court exhibits, and transportation and housing for expert witnesses who donated time. Now there is the added expense of a first round appeal. Do help this courageous man who is fighting for our right to choose. Send contributions to the Kenneth Edelin Defense Fund c/o 15 Broad Street, Suite 302, Boston Mass. 02109.

JAYE LINCICOME, CHAIR OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE, reminds us that last year we passed a resolution at our State Conference regarding the establishment of a statewide toll-free telephone number that would operate as a referral service to all parts of the state as to where the nearest rape crisis center is located. Jaye suggests that NOW chapters write their legislators and Rep. Elaine Gordon to request such a number.

Various departments of the State of Florida send us information about job openings - too many, and usually too late for me to list here. I plan to forward these to Jo Conte of the Compliance Task Force; if you are looking for a job in State government, write Jo and ask how you can get the announcements. (1424 Tami Trail, Tallahassee 32301.)



## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN FLORIDA NOW?

A namechange is in the works for CLEARWATER NOW. They have petitioned Chairone Judy Lightfoot for an official change to Pinellas County NOW which will more clearly reflect the geographical make-up of the membership. June meeting featured a special program, "Legislation and Lesbian Rights" which coincided with Gay Pride Week.

Since area radio stations are seeking license renewal from the FCC, INDIAN RIVER NOW has begun monitoring stations by listening at randomly selected time periods. Numbers of women on the air, treatment of women's issues, and women in recordings, advertising, commentary and the news will be tabulated. Reports will be compiled, chapter representatives will meet with station managers, and finally the reports will be sent to the FCC for inclusion in each station's file for renewal. Congratulations to new coordinators, Kathy Basille and Shirley Rathkopf. The local Women's Center co-sponsored by NOW and AAUW is maintaining a clothing bank with a clothing five away the 2nd Saturday of each month. It's surprising the number of people who need free clothing and also the number of community people who have chosen to recycle their used clothing in this most generous way.

ORLANDO NOW's June meeting featured Ms June Gordon, Coordinator for Project 21st Century Woman, Seminole Junior College. Her topic, "Overview of Assertiveness Training" explained assertiveness training as dealing with self-actualization, effective interpersonal relationships, and protecting your own rights without taking another person's rights. Another interesting program on ORLANDO NOW's calendar - a lecture on pregnancy, unwanted pregnancy and the laws concerning abortion.

The BIG EVENT for TALLY NOW - the July 19th Summer Seminar, "A Woman's Place Is In the House". All phases of campaigning were covered - platform, fund raising, campaign managing, media and grassroots politicking! They will be selling verbatim transcripts at the Conference. I've also heard the magic word "buttons" will be for sale as well. And lest we forget, TALLY NOW will be treating up hospitably in FIT's cafeteria on Friday night!

FORT MYERS NOW busy as usual circulating petitions in support of Dr. Edelin's effort to overturn his conviction for manslaughter after performing a legal abortion, hearing Mary Ranney, founder and Mary Baldauf, president of the Abortion Referral Clinic in Naples, debating those who oppose feminism at community meetings and local high schools, and spearheading a Nadine Steele Fund which will help the Collier County teacher who was suspended because she participated in Florida Parades for the E.R.A. New President Martha Smith handling it all with ease!



## MORE WHAT'S HAPPENING IN FLORIDA NOW?

More women talking to others about feminism. This time members of MANATEE NOW spoke to 50 girls from 6 to 18 at the East Bradenton Girls Club. What a way to help them celebrate their Anniversary Week by sharing with them feminist ideals and goals. Warren Farrell visited New College and helped Manatee citizens (including NOW members) to organize male c.r. groups as well as raising the level of consciousness in that community. That "Little Boy Beauty Contest" will do it every time! Self-help anyone? That was next on the list for a busy May in MANATEE. A busy June saw the Manatee Against Rape Clinic become operational June 15th. And our own Alyce McAdam gave one of her famous self-defense demonstrations.

TAMPA NOW's Lee Drury DeDesare, Employment Discrimination Task Force Chairperson, is busy challenging the Hillsborough County Status of Women Commission with neglect of their duties. Her arguments are pointed directly at use of Federal Revenue Sharing Funds which she believes have not been used for human programs, but only for capital improvement programs. (ed. note...Is this true in your community as it is in mine? Lee suggests asking your county commission to appoint select committees and hold public hearings to ascertain community needs. Both these measures are suggested by the Office of the Treasury as a valid means of getting community input on use of Revenue Sharing monies.) One of the valid and valuable suggestions made by TAMPA NOW to the Commission was the establishment of a child care center for county employees using Revenue Sharing Funds as the seed money for this project. Look for a workshop at the State Conference, Sept. 13 and 14 in Jensen Beach for more details.

Did you see it??? BROWARD NOW published an August Commemorative Issue of their newsletter. Quite an undertaking and a very exciting result. Ads were sold to defray the expense of production. (Do I see everyone potting and planning the use of ads???) Included in this very special issue were important dates in August, a herstory quiz, poetry, articles, both serious and amusing, cartoons, book lists and even some classified ads.

FORT LAUDERDALE NOW 14 members strong and organizing a feminist business and professional. Their official convening was appropriately held on August 26th with Karen Coolman, State Legislator and Bobbie Gentry, county judge as speakers.

JACKSONVILLE NOW's Rape Crisis Center sponsoring a workshop on Sexual Abuse of Children. The workshop is primarily designed for teachers, social service workers, etc, etc. For more specifics about this late September event, Write Rape Crisis Center, P.O. Box 10572, Jacksonville, FL 32207



## MORE AND MORE WHAT'S HAPPENING IN FLORIDA NOW?

An ANNUAL SUSAN B. ALT NY AWARD????? Yes, SOUTH PALM BEACH COUNTY NOW has one. And this year's award went to Patsy Ceros-Livingston for her feminist courage in bringing to the attention of FAU instances of discrimination against women. Couple the award with a special dinner and convivial people, and it becomes a super evening!

WEST PALM BEACH NOW is on the go with committees already formed to work in the following areas: criminal justice, rape, education, employment, health, child care, c.r. and women's center. Pretty terrific for a newly convened chapter! The criminal justice committee has already visited the Women's Section of the Palm Beach County Jail where conditions proved less than desirable. Their aim is to find alternatives to the jail such as half-way houses.

GAINESVILLE NOW, Alachua County Women's Political Caucus, Women Unlimited and several interested individuals have joined to form the Women's Task Force on Employment Discrimination. The t.f. will study problems of discrimination against women in Gainesville and will publish their findings along with procedures and guidelines for filing discrimination lawsuits.

Sylvia Radyx, Hulda Carastro, and Janice Ingram are PENSACOLA NOW's new steering committee! Congratulations!! More assertiveness training - A weekend seminar, "Introduction to Assertiveness Training". Pensacola's local celebration of Women's Equality Day will focus on the talents and achievements of women in the Pensacola area is well under way. They have invited individuals and groups predominantly composed of women to gather in the University Mall for a day-long display and festival. Some of the groups participating will be the YWCA, League of Women Voters, Florida Nurses Assoc, etc., etc. These groups will display and distribute information on their respective functions as well as various articles relevant to the occasion. Female artists will display their work and the Tzigany Folkdancers will be on hand to demonstrate women's folkdances.

What Really Happened In Mexico City? Sarasota NOW got an eyewitness report from Jewell Ballard, Pres. of Manatee NOW at their Aug. 6 meeting. Each Monday at 7 p.m. at Sarasota's Women's Center a group of "Women In Transition" meet. The purpose of the group is to bring together women sharing similar problems - those of divorce, raising children alone, going back to school, making a life for oneself as a woman alone with children in a less than friendly world.

A WOMEN'S RIGHTS GALA with Beverly Dozier as guest speaker was held August 23 by DADE NOW. Another FUN FUNDraiser!



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FORT WALTON BEACH NOW is in the money - raised \$300 at a Pirate's Market. Most recent program, "Women and Alcoholism" with an accompanying film, "The Secret Love of Susan Blaine". Plans are to focus 1976 efforts on employment discrimination rather than spreading membership "thin" over several task forces. Have asked local state employment service for breakdowns for race, age, and sex in employment referrals as a first step. Congratulations to new coordinator, Jan Mulligan!

Women and the Media - a panel of reporters, producers and freelance writers with members of DAYTONA NOW in late June. They are also alerting radio stations in their area of that media's responsibility to women in Daytona. Congratulations to new President, Sherry Kleigman.

SOUTH BREVARD's Women's Center sponsored 2 special programs in May. One called "Lifestyles" had over 70 men and women in attendance. The other, a FUN FUNdraising Workshop. (Is this a good idea for a Conference Workshop???) In June, SOUTH BREVARD met with members of Right to Life in an effort to gather information and experiences that will enable them to provide Brevard County with a Right to Choose Speaker's Bureau.

Another name change! WEST BREVARD NOW has petitioned to become CENTRAL BREVARD NOW, a more positive geographical definition. Their priorities for the coming year include Right to Choose, Art Show, child care, and membership. Some members are into theatrics and the May meeting featured a "Happening". New this month is a men's C.R. group.

THE SHOW MUST GO ON-- The second annual Emerging Woman Art Show will celebrate International Women's Year October 11-12 in the Melbourne Public Library Park. The art show is being sponsored by the SOUTH BREVARD and CENTRAL BREVARD NOW chapters. Women and men artists are invited to celebrate IWY at the show by participating and entering their works for substantial cash prizes. Musical entertainment will also be provided in the festive park and pond atmosphere. A new category has been added: filmmaking. Films will be displayed and judged in a screening room to be set up in the library. Coordinators for the show are Annie Adkins, Vicki Wylder, and Mariann Wahl. The cash prizes are: painting, 1st prize, \$100 and merit award, \$35; sculpture, \$100 and \$35; graphics and drawing, \$75 and \$25; crafts, \$75 and \$25; photography and filmmaking \$75 and \$25; and student work, \$50 and \$20. In addition, special awards will be given for domestic arts such as stitchery or quilting and for the work which best exemplifies the show's theme. Purchase awares and honorable mentions will be presented as well. Entry fees are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students (18 and under). Registration deadline is October 5. For brochures and applications write P.O. box 572, Melbourne, FL 32935.



## THE LAST WORD ON WHAT'S HAPPENING IN FLORIDA NOW!

MARION COUNTY NOW, our most recent chapter to apply for charter, sponsored an open forum on August 25 - 'How to Talk to Your Doctor.' Both speeches and films were used.

Another new chapter convening, PASCO COUNTY NOW, is already taking action in the field of discrimination. A well-qualified woman was refused a position as Pasco County's Extension Service Director only because she was a woman. With this new chapter's support she plans to file a lawsuit against the county and ultimately with EEOC. Pretty exciting for a chapter that has not yet officially convened!

VERO BEACH NOW, PUTNAM COUNTY NOW AND ST. AUGUSTINE NOW, WHERE ARE YOU?

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This newsletter is being written at a marathon Adams-Barovich type-in at Jensen Beach on August 25, produced at Boca Raton on Womens Equality Day. Please excuse the numerous typos et. - we are determined to get this done now, in record time, for there is much else to do. Valerie has written the chapter news and I (Margaret) the front and back sheets. Val and I have very much enjoyed our working relationship, sharing the State Coordinator responsibilities, this year. As our kids run in and out trying to get a word in between paragraphs, I am reminded of the inspiration Eleanor Flexner's history, A Century of Struggle, so often gives me. In particular I recall her description of the working relationship of Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony:

"Few associations have been more fruitful. Their talents and the circumstances of their lives complemented each other. Miss Anthony was an organizer, Mrs. Stanton a thinker, writer and speaker. Mrs. Stanton was tied down by a large family for twenty years of their association; Miss Anthony was more mobile, and could either travel, or rush in answer to a distress call from the Stanton home, to care for children and household, while Mrs. Stanton shut herself up to prepare a needed brief..... Mrs. Stanton had a shrewd idea that they would leave their mark on the world. In 1857 when she was forty-two and Miss Anthony was thirty-seven, when summoning her friend to help her, she wrote:

'You must come here a week or two, and we will do wonders. Courage Susan - this is my last baby, and she will be two years old in January. Two more years and - time will tell what! You and I have the prospect of a good long life. We shall not be in our prime before fifty, and after that we shall be good for twenty years at least.' "

NATIONAL CONFERENCE - The Florida delegation has big plans for Philadelphia in October and we hope you'll be part of it. Florida NOW will have a display table to sell or handout materials. We are also going to have a Florida room (hotel suite) where Florida people and their friends can congregate. The Conference people have said we can reserve a number of rooms next to the suite so we can all be staying close to each other. If you want one of these rooms you must contact me (305/391-6157) immediately; you should have already registered and do specify a roommate if you have one in mind. If you are not staying at the hotel, we hope you will find the Florida room a pleasant convenience and a source for the latest word. There will be a workshop at the State Conference on National NOW; also those planning to go to National, who can stay at State on Sunday afternoon might like to have an informal rap session on National Conference planning



National Conference Group air fares are offered from Atlanta but you may get a better deal with the airlines excursion, night-fare or 'no-frills' rates. Check it out! Also ask your chapter president about travel equalization funds available to chapters for Conference travel.

NADINE STEELE, the teacher who lost her job when she came to Florida Parades for the ERA, is still unemployed and fighting for reinstatement. Times are tough in the Steele family, Fort Myers NOW reports. If you can contribute a little help, make your check out to the Nadine Steele Fund, 17 Colorado Road, Lehigh Acres FL 33936.

The First Women's Bank is in organization in Tallahassee.....Nikki Beare and Elaine Gordon are hard at work on a Florida Feminist Credit Union.....In Praise of Women Artists '76 calendar is currently available from Bo-Tree Productions, 2 Casa Way, San Francisco CA 94123. Looks gorgeous.....Have you heard about the ERA '76 Telethon Committee Information can be had from them at 1541 Westwood Blvd., Los Angeles CA 90024.....Several Midwest Academy training sessions are scheduled for the next few months, writes Heather Booth. The Academy helps new as well as experienced leaders and organizers build fighting and winning organizations. Some partial scholarships are available. Midwest Academy, 600 W Fullerton Ave., Chicago IL 60614..... We really like Virgie Small's poetry which appears often in the Sarasota newsletter. Write to her for her collection, Calypso, 422 Osprey Ave., Sarasota.....

The official First Day Cover and IWY postage stamp will be issued out of Seneca Falls, the birthplace fo the Women's Rights Movement, on August 26. The price of the Cover and stamp postmarked with the day of issue cancellation is \$.75 each or three for \$2. Orders should be sent to the Women's Hall of Fame Inc., P.O.Box 335, Seneca Falls NY 13148 with check or money order made out to WHF. If unaddressed covers are desired, a self-addressed and stamped #10 envelope should be enclosed. The Women's Hall of Fame is nonprofit, nonsectarian, and nonpolitical and is presently in the midst of a fundraising dirve to erect a museum, library and gallery to honor American women of achievement.

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